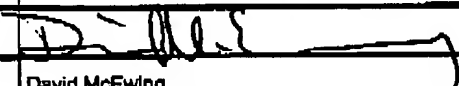


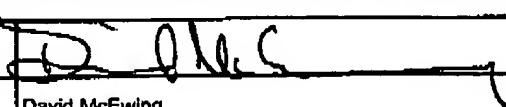
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This paper is presented as the Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2005. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 through 3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Happy Mats: Scraper Mats ("Scraper Mats"). The Examiner also rejected claims 4 and 6 as being unpatentable over Happy Mats: Scraper Mats in view of Happy Mats: Washable Rubber Backed Logo Mats ("Logo Mats").

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AMENDMENT

With respect to the Detailed Description of Invention, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following paragraph:

"The present invention utilizes floor covering materials, such as floor mats or removable floor covering such as small rugs or carpets, or similar devices suitable for interior or outside use ("mats") to provide an enhanced continuity with one or more of the decorative themes that may exist on one or both sides of an entrance or passage way. The mats can provide personalized information. The mats can incorporate multiple materials and colors. The mats subject of the invention may also contain directional or identification information that may be particularly advantageous for commercial use. The theme, color, material, design, or shape of a mat or the information contained on a mat, may be termed the content of the mat."